(c) and (d) Gas discoveries of Ravva Satellite field and Laxmi are under development. Ravva Satellite Gas development is expected to be completed by the end of 2001 and Laxmi Phase-I development is expected to be completed by the first quarter of 2002. A plateau gas production rate of 0.9 MMSCMD for six years is expected from Ravva Satellite Gas. A plateau gas production rate of 2.4 MMSCMD for five years is exepcted from Laxmi field.

Oil and Gas discoveries of Ambe, Gouri, Parvati and Annapurna need to be appraised further for their potential and economic viability. Development plans for these discoveries will depend upon the result of appraisal.

Dealer Selection Boards in Karnataka

2563. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Dealer Selection Boards formed in Karnataka to expedite the retail outlets, LPG connections and kerosene dealership;

(b) the number of new retail outlets, kerosene dealership and LPG distributorship allotted during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 in Karnataka; and

(c) the name of places where they are being allotted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Two Dealer Selection Boards (DSBs), *viz.*, DSB, Bangalore and DSB, Belgaum, have been constituted for the State of Karnataka.

(b) and (c) 26 retail outlet dealerships, 44 LPG distributorships and 4 SKO-LDO dealerships were allotted at various locations in the State of Karnataka in 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 (April to June, 2001).

Offer of French Company for Equity in Petronet LNG Ltd.

2564. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a French company has offered to invest 20 million dollar to pick up a 10 per cent equity in Petronet LNG Ltd., a consortium of India's leading public sector undertakings for development of liquified natural gas import and storage terminals;